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Applicant : Welk et al.
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PETITION TO REVIVE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003, for the above-identified utility patent application was due on July 24, 2003. Due to an unintentional failure, Applicants inadvertently did not file a timely response to the Office Action. Consequently, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.135(a), the above-identified application is abandoned.

Under the petition provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), Applicants hereby petition that the above-identified patent application be revived and that the payment of the petition fee submitted herewith be accepted.

The undersigned states that the entire delay in filing the required response to the Office Action from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Please find enclosed a copy of a response to the Office Action, which was filed concurrently with this Petition. Also, as the above-identified application has large entity status, the petition fee of \$1330.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) is enclosed as well.

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If any extension of time is required or the enclosed remittance is insufficient, Applicant conditionally petitions for such an extension of time and authorizes that any charges be made to Account No. 02-0390, BAKER & DANIELS.

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